

## The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho has a rich history of entrepreneurs from Harry Morrison to J.R. Simplot and Joe Albertson to the Parkinson brothers; and

WHEREAS, Kickstand, a non-profit organization of innovators, has launched an educational arm called KickStart, which features workshops for emerging entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Boise State University and KickStart have fostered collaboration among investors, entrepreneurs, students and government support agencies to offer programs to help Idahoans launch companies; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Science and Technology Advisory Council has in its strategy to "Build an entrepreneurial culture that supports and nurtures new firm formation;" and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor's Office of Science and Technology helped initiate and support this event; and

WHEREAS, KickStart's annual workshops and Boise State University's sixth annual Northwest Venture Championship<sup>®</sup> take place during the week of April 16-20, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 16-20, 2007as

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in Idaho, recognizing and celebrating the contributions of the above-named entities and persons in leading events such as KickStart and Boise State University's Northwest Venture Championship<sup>®</sup> that make Idaho rich, fertile ground for new innovations and entrepreneurs.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER GOVERNOR

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